



## Staying in Touch

June 2020

### From the President

On 8<sup>th</sup> June the State Government has proposed that, provided each person has a space of 4 square metres, 20 people are able to be in a room.

We are keen to resume Special Interest Groups after that date and will keep you informed when each group is able to return. Unfortunately we will be unable to return to our original format on Tuesday afternoons for a while.

Our program co-ordinators are in constant contact with the proposed guest speakers and we will be able to have the program up and running quickly when we are given the green light.

The library is aware that our members are hanging out to get back to the U3A activities which we conduct in the library and will inform us when Government Regulations will allow us to use the Learning Room again.

In the meantime this "Staying in Touch" newsletter is an excellent way to keep in touch with each other. It would be good if you could consider contributing in some way. This could include:

- Personal profiles
- Any experiences you would like to share
- Recommendations of interesting books you have read
- Any snippets you think would appeal to readers
- Easy Recipes you can recommend

Col Levy

### Wit and humour

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted; musicians denoted; cowboys deranged; models deposed; tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed. (Virginia Ostman)

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Guest Speaker Meetings: Tuesdays: 1:30-3:00  
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Special Interest Groups meet at  
Henley Library Learning Room,  
379 Seaview Road, Henley Beach  
and  
Botanic Gardens, North Terrace, Adelaide

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U3A is a learning co-operative of 'Third Age' people (people who are over 50 and no longer working full time or retired). It is a self help and non-profit organisation that encourages a positive approach to ageing by enhancing self esteem and independence and by sharing experiences including educational, creative and leisure activities.

# Member Profile

Ron Neitz



I was born in 1935 at Pinnaroo where my father was the Head Teacher. I was the youngest of four with two sisters and a brother. We moved to Maitland in 1942 and to Port Augusta in 1945. While there we made family trips to Port Lincoln, Port Kenny, Broken Hill and Maree; the last with the regional Inspector of Police. That was a fabulous trip which took in Farina, where my dad had been the teacher in 1917-18, and the then unspoiled Wilpena Pound; far prettier than it is now. All this travel, in a 1927 Dodge tourer, stirred up in me a love of the Outback which has never left me.

In 1944 we came to Adelaide where I was to suffer severe hay fever every year in November; public exam time! At Adelaide High School and Adelaide Uni I was not a very good student as I tended to work things out for myself rather than learn formulae and use accepted approaches; not a good way to pass exams! However, I did get a good grounding in engineering and science, particularly physics and the associated maths.

In 1954 I took a job at Pope Products as a draughtsman, mainly in tool design but with some product design. While there I met and, a couple of years later, married Margaret who was working nearby at Clarksons. In 1961 I began work at British Tube mill and we soon moved into our home in Findon. I worked at B.T.M ; which later became Tubemakers of Australia for thirty one years.

During this time, we raised our four sons. To ease the crowding we added a large extension to the house. Much of the work I did myself including joinery, floors, roof and tiling plus labouring for tradesmen on the foundations and plumbing. Margaret worked at several jobs in this period to help with the expenses.

Also during this time, I was for many years on school committees and councils, often as chairman and was also Area Coordinator of the local Neighbourhood Watch.

After the closure of Tubemakers at the end of 1992 I took on some contract machine design work for local manufacturing industry.

In 1993 we visited Margaret's brother in British Columbia and toured parts of the very picturesque Rocky Mountains. In 2001 we took three bus tours around Western Europe and toured England and Scotland by car with Margaret's brother from Vancouver. A few years later we went to Vancouver again and went by train to visit friends in Seattle. We went by the Rocky Mountaineer through the Rockies to Calgary then flew to Chicago to visit friends in Indiana then to New York for a few days and on to Niagara Falls and back to Vancouver. This was followed by a cruise through the inside passage to Alaska and back.

In 2005 we bought a Landcruiser which I brought up to scratch mechanically. It took us and Margaret's two brothers on a trip through Alice Springs and across the Tanami Desert to the Kimberly and on to Broome. There the brothers left us and we returned home through Perth

About eleven years ago I went to a meeting of a small group of people who were setting up a U3A at Henley under the guidance of Sarah Cleggett of the Charles Sturt Council. I came away as the first president, a position I held for several years and enjoyed greatly along with a capable and dedicated committee. U3A has helped to keep us active and healthy. I still enjoy working on cars and appliances, gardening, home maintenance and reading.

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# Member Profile

## Ros Emms



I was born and raised in Launceston, Tasmania. In my early 30s, after a short marriage, I travelled to the UK and Europe for 12 months. This became the highlight of my life and changed my future.

When I returned to Launceston, I found that it was too small and staid after living in London for around 6 months. Having made friends with some folk from Adelaide while overseas, I decided to visit and check out the city to see if it looked like a good place to live. I came for 2 weeks, enjoyed it, and made enquiries about work possibilities – all seemed promising. My working life had been spent in office administration.

I moved to Adelaide in 1983, planning to stay for three or four years, before deciding on what to do next. The rest, as they say, 'is history'! Getting bored with office work, I decided to re-train and ended up doing a 5-year part-time library course at TAFE. This led to two positions that lasted me into retirement – both at law libraries. The first was at the District Court Library for six years, then a 20 year stint at the Legal Services Commission library (they are the legal aid body here in SA).

Since retirement, I've become a volunteer at Meals on Wheels, joined U3A and VIEW clubs (becoming a committee member for both groups). I'm interested in ancient Middle Eastern archaeology (mainly Egypt), and also the European history of the Middle Ages.

I've been a constant traveller over the years since my original overseas venture – I keep going back to London (can't keep away!); have had four trips to India; and visited Bali, Myanmar, Angkor Wat in Cambodia, Egypt, Spain, Portugal, parts of Italy several times, Turkey, and Paris, as well as going to various cities and towns in England and Scotland.

## U3A Online

### **CAN WE HELP?**

Have you looked into U3A Online? [www.u3aonline.org.au](http://www.u3aonline.org.au). U3A Online members know that studying at home is the best alternative if you can't get to a local U3A. Anyone can join up as an Individual Member for \$30 a year and study as many courses as they like during the following 12 months.

U3A Online is staffed by a small band of committed volunteers so please be patient if there are occasional glitches on the website. Be assured we will do our best to keep it up and running to its usual high standard. One thing to note is that some browsers (Chrome, Safari, Firefox, etc.) support our website better than others and if you have problems try changing to a different browser.

I'm sure we all hope that we will be back with our local U3As eventually but in the meantime happy online learning. All our courses cover the following areas: *Lifestyle, Nature, Science, World Affairs & History, Writing & Creativity* and there are also some *Short Courses*. For more detail go online [www.u3aonline.org.au](http://www.u3aonline.org.au)

Jean Walker, U3A OnLine.

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*We wish a speedy recovery to any of our members who are or have been on the "sick" list, from illness, falls etc. We also wish those members who have moved into assisted care facilities all the best.*

## JUNE QUIZ

## "BIRDS OF A FEATHER"



WHAT DO YOU CALL A GROUP OF:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Bacteria     | 11. Lizards      |
| 2. Camels       | 12. Nightingales |
| 3. Cobras       | 13. Owls         |
| 4. Dolphins     | 14. Peacocks     |
| 5. Eels         | 15. Ponies       |
| 6. Emus         | 16. Possums      |
| 7. Goldfish     | 17. Rattlesnakes |
| 8. Hummingbirds | 18. Rhinoceros   |
| 9. Hyenas       | 19. Toads        |
| 10. Jellyfish   | 20. Turtles      |

ANSWERS IN NEXT ISSUE

### ANSWERS FOR MAY QUIZ

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| 1. You win a Grand Prize - <b>JACKPOT</b>                       | 9. Looking for water in high places - <b>JACK AND JILL</b>           |
| 2. An American relative of John Walker - <b>JACK DANIELS</b>    | 10. Quiet Farnham album - <b>WHISPERING JACK</b>                     |
| 3. Handy fellow - <b>JACK OF ALL TRADES</b>                     | 11. Did Pandora lift his lid? - <b>JACK IN A BOX</b>                 |
| 4. Type of card game - <b>BLACKJACK (or JACKS or JACK HIGH)</b> | 12. Quiz show rival of Bob Dyer - <b>JACK DAVEY</b>                  |
| 5. Outback apprentice - <b>JACKAROO</b>                         | 13. Caltrop - <b>3 CORNERED JACK (or JACK ROCK)</b>                  |
| 6. Symbol of Britain - <b>UNION JACK</b>                        | 14. This sort of stealing is especially low - <b>HIJACK</b>          |
| 7. You need earplugs when using this - <b>JACK HAMMER</b>       | 15. A good Canadian feller - <b>LUMBERJACK</b>                       |
| 8. Probably a cholesterol conscious fellow - <b>JACK SPRATT</b> | 16. This one was from London, not Yorkshire - <b>JACK THE RIPPER</b> |

## Recipe

### EASY CHICKEN DISH

Cut up 4 chicken thighs or breasts and put in casserole dish.

Cover with a mix of ½ cup fruit chutney (eg Rosella fruit chutney) and 1 tablespoon French mustard.

Cover with grated cheese.

Bake for 20 to 30 minutes in moderate oven until cooked through and cheese has melted.

## Did you know

"Daisy" means "day's eye" - it opens its petals at dawn and closes them at dusk

*According to Aristotle, the brain's primary purpose was to cool the blood*

Henry 111 signed a law promising the death penalty to anyone killing, wounding or maiming fairies

*In a deck of cards the king of hearts is the only king without a moustache*

The dot on top of the letter i is called a tittle

*Women blink twice as much as men*

Laughter has no foreign accent

*Bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers were all invented by women.*

# Poets' Corner

Rhyme creates a sense of expectation as we anticipate the next matching sound. It also helps in memorizing a poem's lines and in times past helped to keep inter-generational stories intact. Many modern poets have no need of rhyme. They write blank verse or free verse. Whatever style of poetry they write, all poets have the task of formulating a concentrated imaginative awareness of experience in language. They have to imaginatively choose and arrange words that they hope will create in the reader a specific emotional response. Read how Australian poet, Joyce Own Star does this with her poem Regret for Summer;

## Regret for Summer

Of these I'm dreaming now:  
Slim Jacaranda trees all frocked in blue,  
Soft Yellow roses, big and wet with dew,  
Bright powdered wings of butterflies and bees,  
Pink morning clouds behind Lombardy trees,  
And long, white afternoons.  
Yes, there is beauty in these clear cut days.  
But I have looked at hilltops through a haze  
Of dusty gold. And when can I forget  
One summer dusk of blue and mignonette?  
And now, the coals gleam red.  
Poinsettia, too, had reached her blossom time,  
The leafless fruit tree trunks are splashed with lime.  
But in the leaping fire's haze,  
Visions pass by of bud and blossom days.  
And nights of breathless blue.

*Cheers, Terry Paterson convener Poetry Reading Group.*

## **COVID 19**

Alone, alone, all alone  
Alone on a tideless sea  
Poor Mariner he had no 'phone  
Nor human company

Though, we old folk may be 'locked down'  
We still can skype or read  
But only shop or go to town  
To get just what we need

The television's always there  
It is a constant friend  
Life's really not too hard to bear  
We know this soon should end

The cruise ships they were 'all at sea'  
And caused a lot of trouble  
But Scomo soon will set us free  
To leave our safety bubble.

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# Movie Revue

The 1989 movie "return HOME" starring Dennis Coard, Frankie Holden, & Ben Mendelson was filmed in the Henley area. The service station on the corner of Henley Beach, Military Rds and East Terrace featured prominently in the movie. The Esplanade and Seaview Road, Henley Beach, Brighton Jetty and South Road Edwardstown all looked very different 31 years ago. Looking at the local area was the best part of the movie.... J.B.

# Book Recommendation

I recently read a book titled A STREET CAT NAMED BOB. It demonstrates that it doesn't matter how low one can sink there is always hope, particularly if fate plays a hand. There is a video available and clips on youtube - Recommended by Bryan Dyke

# Botanic Garden Walk

The Botanic Walk will resume on Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> with June Littleford. Please meet at the Main gate, North Terrace at 11am. The kiosk should be open as well as toilets. Please let June know if you are interested in attending.

Please keep your contributions coming in.

